

COMMODORE Glory Schappe Comments

Happy New Year to one and all



The month of January has such a clean-slate feel to it--all things are possible. We are launching our new year for the club with everything seemingly brand spanking new and yet there is the knowledge that all of our reliable club traditions and helpful members are standing by with great promise to back up everything there is to be done. I truly look forward to this year as your Commodore, and I promise you I will do my best to make it a very good year for you and for the club. I welcome your comments anytime; let me know what you are thinking.

I should like to thank Commodore **Jerry Partridge** and **Lady Fran** for a wonderful year of service to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, and my thanks go, too, to our outgoing Directors, **Peter D'Angelo** and **Bill Harbert**. You all have made major contributions this past year, and we appreciate your efforts in a big way.

I am delighted to welcome Rear Commodore **Ken Suddick** to the Bridge. With Ken joining Vice Commodore **Tom Fraser** and Past Commodore **Jerry Partridge**, I couldn't ask for a more able and congenial group to work with. We will not only do good work together--we will have fun doing it! Congratulations to our newly elected Directors **Chris Behler** and **Bob Brownell**; they join **Beth Kurta** and **Dave MacDonald**, and the four of them form a very strong partnership of Directors.

I want to thank all of you who stood for an office this year or were asked to accept a position. Your positive response when you are tapped, whether it is to run for an office or to accept a job, is the essence and core of the GPSC's viability as a club. Nothing would happen without you.

Welcome to our 2005 Flag Officers! **Dave MacDonald** has done such a great job for us in the past I tapped him to be our Secretary, knowing he will be a terrific right-hand man. To further augment my comfort zone, I asked **Bill Kuester** to stay on as Treasurer and he generously accepted. I have a feeling that this year's Fleet Captains **Darius Hummel** and **Ken Thelen** together will be quite a duo and good times on the water are in store. Our new Fleet Surgeon, **Ron Strickler**, is an M.D. at Henry Ford Hospital who races with us on Spectre. **Harry Capps** has agreed to stay on as our very competent Fleet Chaplain for one more year. Our new Fleet Measurer is **Mark Craig**, who couldn't say no.

Introductions (and heartfelt thanks) to the Commodore's Committee Chairs are in order here. **George Fuller** and **Dale Johnson** have taken on the task of Anchorline Chairs. I especially appreciate their willingness to take on this job as they are both learning it from scratch. Budget and Finance will be reliably handled by **Com. Jerry Partridge**. Our DRYA Delegates are **Com. Larry Haggart** and **Fred Bellamy**, and our ILYA (Inter-Lake Yachting Association) Representative will again be **Chris Behler**.

Thanks in advance, guys, for attending those meeting and reporting back to us. **Prudy** and **Charlie Billiu** have stepped up to handle the Entertainment chores; I am so glad they said yes. The club's 2004 Publicity Chair enhanced our visibility so much I just had to put him to work again--thank you, **John Hughes**, for giving us your time. **Com. Norm Samra** will oversee our Planning and ensure we are headed in the right direction, and **Com. Dennis Cotter** will keep us out of trouble as Risk Chair. Kudos go to **Wendy Niven** and **Bill Harbert** for their rock solid handling of the 2005 GPSC Roster. Together they got right down to business and just simply handled things for me; you should see the result of their handiwork sometime this month. We have two January events on the calendar. The Commodore's Ball on the 15th is our big winter gala; I hope many of you share in the festivities. The annual Winter Weekend (the 21st - 23rd) is always a fun getaway--the more snow, the more fun. Take note, too, that the Wednesday night DRYA seminars are back in town.. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club and our Dry Dock Committee will be hosting the Seminar "First Aid Afloat" on Feb. 2nd at 7 PM at the Tompkins Center . There is no charge, it is open to the public, and there will be refreshments available. Do come.

Glory Schappe Commodore

Got Spring Fever?
Getting that winter itch to sail again?
maybe it's time for a

Spring Party

The Grosse Pointe Sail
Club presents:

Jimmy Buffett Beach Party



*Sing those blues
away*

**Saturday
March 19th,
2005**

Tompkins Center

19:00 hrs

25\$ per person

RSVP by March 12th

To: The Billiu's 39341 W. Archer
Harrison Township, Mi. 48045
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Come join us for

**Margaritas,
wine and beer**

**Cheese Burgers
In Paradise,**

**America's Cup
Sailing Station**

And our own

"Jimmy Buffet"

for a sing along and dancing

Dress in your Best Island shirt, shorts
& sandals

"If it's Wednesday Night it's Sailing Seminar Night!"

Back by Popular Demand



The Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association

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The Joy of Sailing Seminar Series

Seminars developed with the novice and recreational sailor in mind.

The Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association (DRYA) is proud to repeat their popular Wednesday night sailing seminars, "The Joy of Sailing." During the months of January, February and March, the DRYA will host a series of ten novice sailing seminars focusing on pleasure cruising and racing. Each seminar is sponsored by a different DRYA member club and is open to the general public free of charge. The seminars will begin at 7pm and last 2 hours with a short break. Some of the clubs will offer refreshments or dinner service before and during the seminar for a nominal fee. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend, under adult supervision. "These [sailing] seminars have been developed with the novice or inexperienced sailor in mind," explains DRYA Rear Commodore **Robert Schappe**. "It is our hope to educate the public about the joys of sailboat ownership and the camaraderie and spirit in sail racing. These seminars will give new or potential boat owners a taste of what sailing is all about. Should someone wish to learn even more, member clubs will be on hand to discuss their individual membership and sailing instructional programs." Whether you are a seasoned sailor, a new sailboat owner, or just wondering what sailing is all about, the DRYA seminar series will be a fun and rewarding way to spend your winter Wednesday evenings.

The following topics will be covered during the seminar series:

- January 19 - *You Just Bought a Sailboat, What Can You Do With It?*
Detroit Yacht Club
- January 26 - *The Ins and Outs of Crewing*
Bayview Yacht Club
- February 2 - *First Aid Afloat*
Grosse Pointe Sail Club
- February 9 - *Storm Clouds or Sunshine on the Horizon?*
Bayview Yacht Club
- February 16 - *I Want to Race My Boat, Now What?*
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
- February 23 - *World of Sails*
North Star Sail Club
- March 2 - *Basic Racing Rules - 2005*
Great Lakes Yacht Club
- March 9 - *Sailing the Race - The Dark Secrets of the Race Committee*
Edison Boat Club
- March 16 - *Navigating Your Way out of Trouble*
Crescent Sail Club
- March 23 - *Seminar Series Open House-*
Detroit Yacht Club

ALL SEMINARS 7:00 pm to 9:00pm

You can also download the full schedule from the DRYA website www.drya.org

Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Ken Suddick



Reporting for Duty as your new Rear Commodore, I would like to thank the membership for the honor of serving our club for the next four years.

Following are the committees the Rear Commodore is responsible for, and I would like to introduce the members who have volunteered to chair these committees:

Joe Lucido will be our Dry Dock Chairman this year. Grosse Pointe Sail Club and our Dry Dock Committee will be hosting one of the DRYA Sailing Seminars on Wednesday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tompkins Center. The topic will be "First Aid Afloat" and Dr. Rob Amsler of BYC will present it. All GPSC members and nonmembers are invited to this free seminar. If you have any ideas for future Dry Docks, please let Joe know.

Bill Snyder will serve as our Assets Manager. I will be asking Bill to compile an up-to-date list of all of the club assets this year. Please let Bill know, if you are storing any club assets so that he can add the items to the list for an accurate accounting.

Glen Housey will be responsible for all awards in 2005. It will be Glen's job to order the race flags and inscribe all of the club's trophies.

David Gaskin will review our Charter and By Laws this year. If you have any suggestions for changing and improving our By Laws, please let David know. We will offer our recommendations to the membership for approval at the annual meeting next December 2nd.

John Jamison will compile our Club History

Jim Perrone will be our Junior Race Chairman.

Bill Harbert will again keep us posted with late breaking news as our electronic communicator. We are counting on Bill more and more to get timely information out to the membership. If you are not receiving his communications, please share with him your e-mail address.

Last but not least is one of the most important jobs in the club, the Regatta Chairman. This year Chris Behler will head up this committee and will be assisted by Tom Caulfield.

Ken Suddick Rear Commodore

Reason to Join

Several months ago, there was a recruitment drive by the Grosse Pointe Sail Club (Club) and there was an effort to identify "why" one would want to join. I can offer several good reasons. In July, 2004 Wally's mom had a car accident and fall, which resulted in her death. She was at Detroit Receiving hospital and her sons had been told that the end was near. They sought a priest to administer Last Rites. Apparently none was available, but a goodhearted Chaplain stepped forward to offer prayers and condolences. Wally recognized him as Harry Capps as the Chaplain of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. He identified us as members, and told him how much we enjoyed the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony he had just conducted. We were blessed to have him near. At the visitation many condolences were extended. At the Church mass, heads turned when two gentlemen in sparkling uniforms appeared to represent the Club, and offer support. Even our hard to impress niece inquired as to their identity. We greatly appreciated then Commodore Jerry Partridge and Rear Commodore Tom Fraser coming to be with us. I had intended to send this to the newsletter in August as reasons to join the club and did not get around to it. You may know that my husband Wally passed away of colon cancer in October. Again, I looked up out of my grief to see the faces of loving friends, at the memorial and in the days following. The support that this club has offered me throughout can never be quantified, and I can only hope to be there for all of you, if and when you ever need me for anything. I offer up the camaraderie of loving people as a reason to join Grosse Pointe Sail Club.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM G.P.S.C. Bridge
GPSC 2005 Committee Chairs
GPSC 2005 Calendar
DRYA Seminar Series is Back!
Spring Party coming up